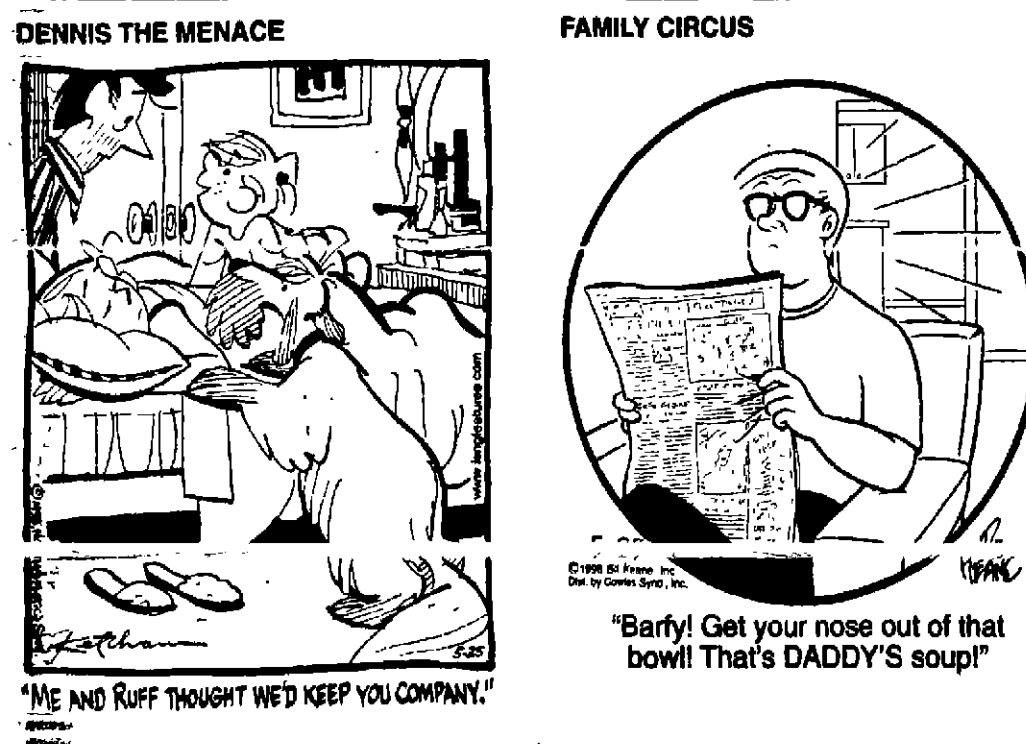
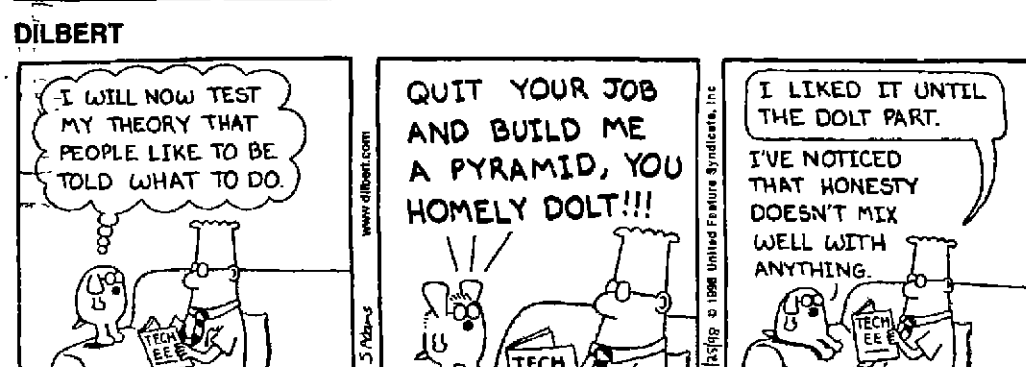
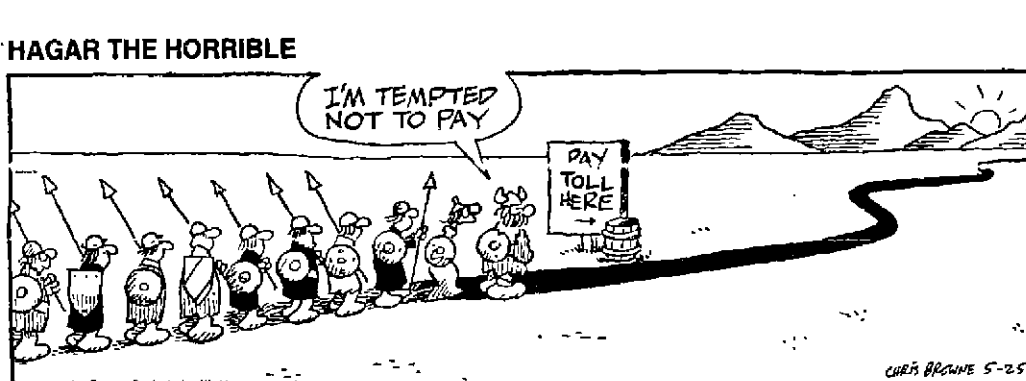
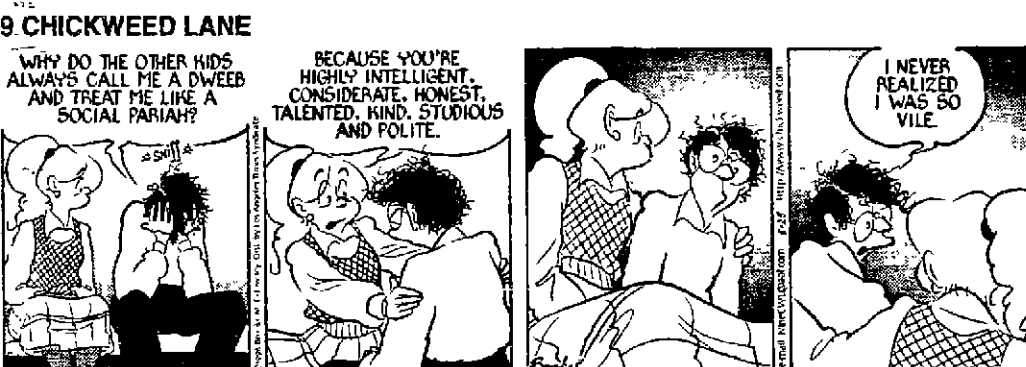
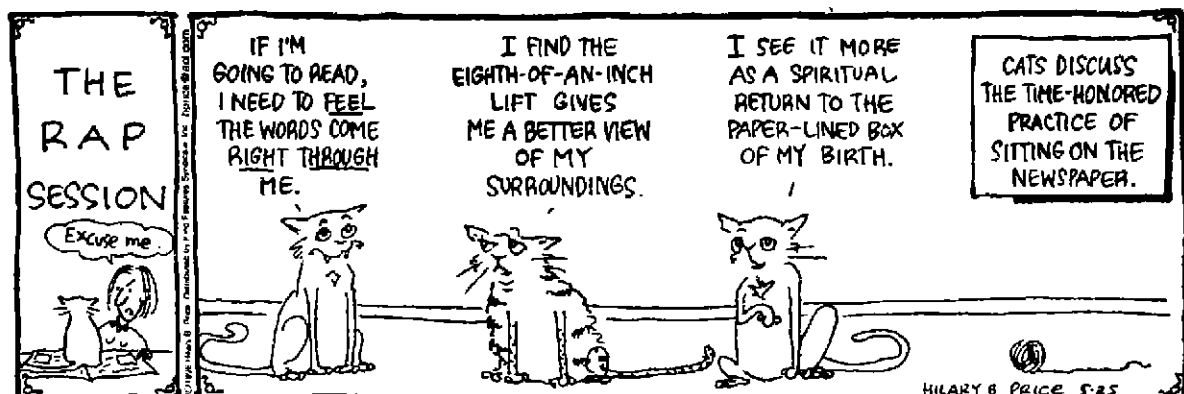




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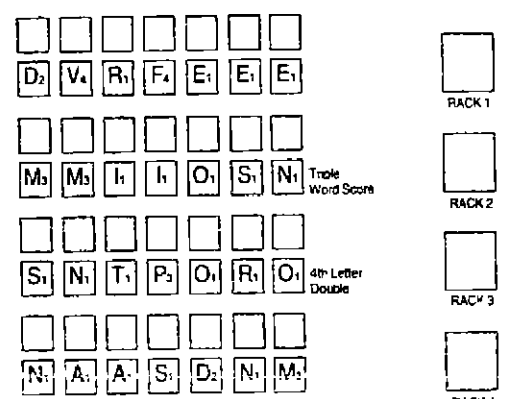
# Today's Birthdays

Former opera singer **Beverly Sills** is 69. Actress **Dixie Carter** is 59. Actress-singer **Leslie Uggams** is 55. Movie director and puppeteer **Frank Oz** is 54. Actress **Karen Valentine** is 51. Rock singer **Klaus Meine** (The Scorpions) is 50. Actress **Connie Sellecca** is 43. Actor-comedian **Mike Myers** is 35. Actor **Justin Henry** ("Kramer vs. Kramer") is 27. Rapper **Dat Nigga Daz** is 25. Singer **Lauryn Hill** (The Fugees) is 23.

# I NEED HELP



# SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 135-145  
by JUDD  
FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN  
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OGSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5-25-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

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# WORD SLEUTH

# Leapers

F O L J H E C A X V T R D P N  
N L J H S F D G B Y L E E X A  
V T K A N G A R O O E R S R E  
P O E M K I G E N R A D I B B  
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F T T S A N M Y G R H Q E O N  
N L R S P R I N G B O K L J I  
I O G F E D I C I M P A L A P  
H A Y P X R W T V S P R R P M  
O N U L P C R I C K E T A K U  
J S I S G T I B B A R K C A J

Saturday's unlisted clue: EMMY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Monday's unlisted clue hint: TINY CIRCUS PERFORMERS  
Carl Lewis Frog Jackrabbit Springbok  
Cricket Gymnast Jumping bean Springhare  
Dancer Horse Kangaroo Superman  
Deer Impala Leafhopper

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# HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, May 26, 1998

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A pleasant chat early in the day brings you needed information. Avoid a tendency later in the day to goof off.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A close call has you a bit nervous. However, you know what they say: If you fall off that horse, get right back on again!  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your schedule is pretty clear, and you can enjoy some time off. A late-day outing proves expensive. Watch those pennies.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The rumor mill is churning once again. However, you're able to separate fact from fiction.  
**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Someone in your household is trying your patience. Children in particular can be tiresome.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It isn't a very productive day. You're still in your "weekend" mode, however, there's work to be done.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're just not in the mood for your usual work routine. However, you don't have the luxury of playing hooky.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) That excuse you're contemplating to get out of a certain situation won't wash.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have a lot on your plate, but you can handle it. Feel free to juggle those chores, and don't be afraid to delegate.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You might be contemplating a major purchase. If so, be sure you can comfortably take on more debt if that's necessary.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You're really not mincing words with a friend, who fortunately can handle such a candid approach.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) Something you need to purchase winds up being more expensive than you'd anticipated. You are lucky, though, that your budget can handle it.

# ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Both sides were guilty of gross error in the bidding and play of today's slam. Study the play to see whether you can spot where and when the errors were made. West led his singleton diamond jack, and South correctly played dummy's ace. The lead of the jack of a suit bid and supported strongly suggested a singleton. On dummy's ace, East signaled with his nine, intended to inform West he had a trick in diamonds. South quickly drew trumps, cashing dummy's king and queen and leading a third trump to his ace. South then crossed to dummy's club ace to lead a diamond, and East won his king. East exited safely in spades and patiently waited for the setting trick in diamonds, sending the slam one down. How many errors did you spot? The first error came in the bidding. North's bidding was beyond reproach; he had two aces and two top honors in partner's suit. South might have cue-bid three spades instead of using Blackwood and then passed when North signed off in four hearts. East made the next error. It was futile to signal with the diamond nine, especially because it was the legitimate setting trick. South compounded his overbidding by sloppy play. He was lucky to have East stumble in diamonds and to find trumps 3-2. But he squandered both by botching his dummy entries. To succeed, he must draw trumps ending in dummy. This allows him to lead diamonds twice through East's holding, limiting East to only one diamond trick.

NORTH 15-25-A  
♦ 10 9  
♥ K Q 6  
▲ 7 5 2  
▲ A 8 6 5

WEST EAST  
♦ 7 6 4 3 2 ▲ Q J 8 5  
♥ 10 8 4 ♥ J 9  
♦ J ♦ K 10 9 3  
▲ J 9 7 3 ▲ Q 4 2

SOUTH  
▲ A K  
♦ A 7 5 3 2  
♥ Q 8 6 4  
▲ K 10

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: West

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥  
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 2 ♦  
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♦  
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 NT  
Pass Pass Pass 6 ♥

\*game force  
Opening lead: Diamond jack

# N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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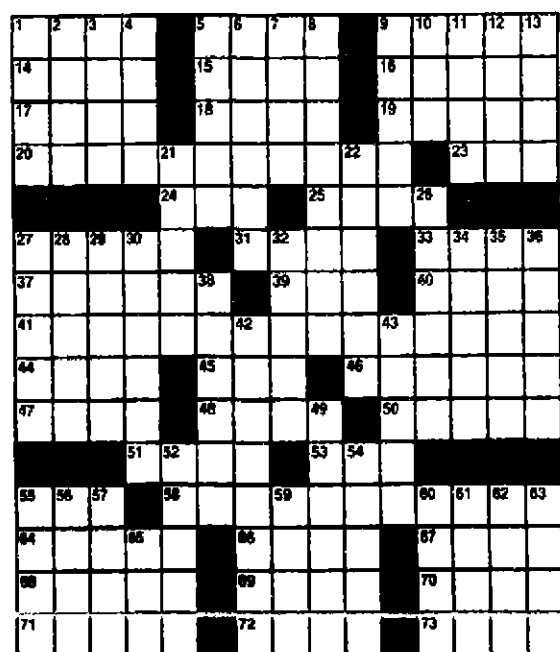
**ACROSS**  
1 Borscht vegetable  
5 Rip-off  
9 "My dad's bigger than your dad," e.g.  
14 It's all a plot!  
18 Stockings  
19 Raring to go  
17 Gator's cousin  
18 Highway  
19 Sports facility  
20 Cornmeal cakes, in the South  
23 Piggery  
24 — Simbel (Egyptian temple site)  
25 Aardvark's diet  
27 Log home  
31 Brad of "Seven Years in Tibet"  
33 Israeli airline  
37 Orbital high point  
39 Cultural grant giver, for short  
40 Tick off  
41 1965 Simon & Garfunkel hit, with "The"  
44 Folk's Guthrie  
45 Stage signal  
46 One-dimensional  
47 Suffix with hip or hoop  
48 Another, south of the border  
50 Goodman, the King of Swing  
51 They may be pricked  
53 Man-to-be  
55 Poultry product  
56 They often run deep  
64 Coffee break snack  
66 Bump off  
67 Transport, as a load  
68 Clear the chalkboard  
69 Fringe  
70 Capri, e.g.  
71 Comparatively recent  
72 Woodwind  
73 Cook slowly

# DOWN

1 Fugue master  
2 Neutral hue  
3 February 14 figure  
4 "Ramblin' Wreck" From Georgia  
6 Bush  
6 Confine  
7 In a hurry, for short  
8 Settles disputes  
9 — of burden  
10 Boat equipment  
11 Improves, as cheese  
12 Telegraphed  
13 1971 movie  
21 Like windows  
22 Involve  
23 Unruffled  
27 Spanish homes  
28 To the left, to a sailor

# ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BASECAMP SCALED  
OPERATOR HONORE  
MILITARY AMIGAS  
BALKANS FRITOS  
NEEDLECASE  
ASKSIN AURA  
RELOAD MISLEADS  
TEAM WAD ASEA  
SPIEDIDAG ORTIAN  
TALENTSHOW  
OREADS AMASSES  
INCOME OVERWORK  
TEENER REODATSY  
ORDERS TREESTYLES



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

29 Ball in the game  
30 Pay no heed to  
32 Deduce  
34 Flax fabric  
36 — Highway (route from Dawson Creek)  
38 Suspicious  
54 Had little to  
55 First place  
56 "Earth in the Balance" author  
57 Chew (on)  
58 Comstock, for one  
60 "Now hear —"  
61 Atlantic Coast states, with "the"  
62 Be king over  
63 Bunch  
65 Deplete, with "up"

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